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Latimer, Becky

From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 11:05 AM
To:
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Danny K. Smith,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



* Required Fields

Date: * 12/20/2019

Letter of Protest
Docket No. 2019-290-W5

Protestant Information:

Name *

Danny K Smith

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip * Irmo

SC

Phone *

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I have resided in the Waterford subdivision in Irmo, SC since 2004. During that period my sewer services were first provided by Carolina Water Service and then recently changed to Blue Granite. I only obtain sewer service from Blue Granite and my water is provided by City of Columbia.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Blue Granite's rate increase request is extremely excessive. It was only 2 to 3 years ago that my monthly charge was \$45/mo +/- . It then received a rate increase of \$20/mo or roughly 50%. Now it is requesting to raise my monthly rate to over \$100/mo or another 50% increase. That would result in a rate close 2 1/2 times what it was just a few years ago. I am retired and live on a fixed income and simply can not afford this drastic increase. This rate increase request must be denied or significantly reduced.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

If possible, I would like to reserve right to make that decision at a later date.

Signature Required: